

City of Carlsbad

Public Works News

Summer 2007

Director's Report by Glenn Pruim

In preparing this Director's report I couldn't help but look back to see what we have accomplished as an organization in the past year. The year has been a time of important achievements and changes.

As a Department, we have been working to meet Council priority goals as well as plan for service delivery. Public Works continues to deliver top-quality service in everything we do while maintaining a focus on efficient service delivery. I think it is important for us to use a business focus to prioritize action and to measure the effectiveness of our efforts.

The last several months have seen significant challenges to the Department. We've dealt with a major sewer main break, significant

additions to our workload through new mandated programs in wastewater and storm water protection, and the continual maintenance that goes along with operating Carlsbad.

The sewer main break on April 1st spilled around 7.3 million gallons of raw sewage into the Buena Vista Lagoon. Response to this emergency was extraordinarily swift and surely prevented more substantial damage to the local ecosystem than occurred. But this emergency also served to spotlight how difficult it is to maintain the infrastructure of a growing city.

Using the goal process, the Public Works Leadership Team has conducted a review of each of the Department's functional areas.

This process is intended to form an organization that balances service delivery and customer service.

Finally, I wanted to point out the successes for Public Works in the budget process. The Department received funding for additional staff and equipment related to Storm Water Protection and Wastewater Discharge Requirements, CIP funding for several major projects, and additional help for various maintenance functions throughout the City. In all, Public Works was allocated approximately \$80 million in the Operating Budget, and 14 additional full time staff. These resources will help us improve our service to the Citizens of Carlsbad.

Public Works Budget Addresses Mandates

In the Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget, Council approved additional personnel and programs designed to enhance existing service and respond to State of California mandates.

Among the **Public Works**-related priorities addressed in the budget are **storm water protection** and **wastewater** discharge unfunded mandates. The hiring of **nine** new staff members and necessary equipment was

approved specific to addressing growing scrutiny in storm water and wastewater discharge.

Changes in the wastewater program originate from the State Water Resources Control Board mandate requiring reduced sewer outflows statewide.

The San Diego Regional Water Quality

Control Board (RWQCB) issued a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit with which Carlsbad must comply.

Public Works also received approval for increased traffic engineering support as well as funding for many projects related to maintaining the City's infrastructure.

The Crossings at Carlsbad

Dust off your golf clubs, The Crossings at Carlsbad is almost open. Course construction began in September 2005 and is currently still on track for an August 2007 opening despite an airplane crash on hole #3. Kemper Sports Management has been chosen to manage the facility.

The course will offer dramatic views of the ocean and rolling hillside. It features 200 acres of habitat preservation, including 60

acres of coastal sage created and 6 acres of wetland created, and 181.5 acres of golfing area. In addition to the 18 hole championship course, there will be a lighted driving range and a 23,000 square foot clubhouse. The clubhouse will be available for community events and weddings, banquets and other special events.

Course design includes rolling hills, irrigation lakes and specially designed water

features. In the future, golfers can view the course and make reservations for play by viewing the official website www.thecrossingsatcarlsbad.com.

The website will also offer views of each hole, a virtual golf shop and other conveniences.

Get ready to tee it up!



More than five million gallons of sewage spilling into Buena Vista Lagoon – April Fools, right? Unfortunately for Public Works staff, that nightmare was not an April Fools Day joke, it was reality. The ensuing days showcased departments

Public Works staff took the lead in repairing the ruptured Vista – Carlsbad Sewer Interceptor

Sewer Spill tests PW staff



The best booth, as voted by the attendees, was **Fleet Maintenance**, which edged out **Parks and Streets**.



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Arbor Day

On Saturday, April 28th the City of **Carlsbad Parks Maintenance Department** hosted the Arbor Day Event at the Pine Avenue Park Amphitheater. The event featured informational booths from the Trees Maintenance, SDG&E, and West Coast Arborists. A tree planting demonstration was led by City staff and equipment display for residents to learn about. The event's highlight was the distribution of 100 vouchers for discounted trees to residents through a partnership between Briggs Nursery and the City.

"Carlsbad has been nationally recognized

for its long-standing commitment in planting and maintaining trees. This event is a great way to involve the community, and make the residents aware of that commitment," commented Public Works Superintendent, **Kyle Lancaster**.

Carlsbad has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska. Planting trees reduces the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cuts heating and cooling costs, moderates the temperature, cleans the air, produces oxygen and provides habitat for wildlife.



National Arts Program



Glen Boodry

On Your Own Time Winners



Every two years, the City of Carlsbad participates in the *On Your Own Time* National Arts Program. This year marks the largest participation with 207 works of art by 123 City employees and family members. Over 50 works of art were entered from participants younger than 18 years old.

On Your Own Time is an exhibit and a contest. Artists of all ages, backgrounds and levels of talent display their works of art. The Carlsbad Arts Commission members; Fran Carillo, Ron Juncal and Heath Fox were this years judges. Cash prizes were awarded in seven different categories and were funded by the National Arts Program Foundation, Carlsbad Friends of the Arts, and three community members.

Public Works Winners

Adult Professional

1st **Glen Boodry**

3rd **Clyde Wickham**

Youth Under 12

2nd **Halle Farley** (Paul Farley)

3rd **Ashlea Houston** (Rob Houston)

Thanks to all participants!

Fleet PM Schedule

The Preventive Maintenance Schedule is posted monthly on the Intranet (<http://cityweb/>).

Please remember to check the PM schedule for the status of your vehicles and equipment.

Dates to Remember

July

Parent Day 22

August

Friendship Day 5
Art in the Village 12

September

Labor Day 3
Grandparents Day 9
Patriot Day 11
Bulky Item Pickup Day 22

Environmental Programs Newsletter

Environmental Programs launched a new newsletter that will be sent to residents on a quarterly basis. The newsletter, called Carlsbad Conserves, is a short informational piece intended to inform

residents of program offerings from Environmental Programs and to provide some advice on incorporating "green" principles at home.

Carlsbad Conserves will provide information about **Storm Water Protection, Solid Waste** disposal and **Water Conservation**.

Employee Watercooler

New Employees

Congratulations to our most recent New Hires.

Welcome to Public Works!!!

Tecla Levy, Associate Engineer
Steven Plyler, Public Works Superintendent
Rogelio Romero, Maintenance Worker I (Parks)
Brian Locher, Maintenance Worker I (Parks)
Christopher Hinojosa, Maintenance Worker I (Parks)
Armando Barron, Maintenance Worker I (Parks)
Daniel Goggin, Maintenance Worker I (Streets)
Nick Marquez, Maintenance Aide (Parks)
Galdino Mendez, Maintenance Aide (Parks)
Cari Dale, Public Works Manager
John O'Donnell, Senior Civil Engineer
Anthony Pacheco, Utility Worker II
Susanne Johnson, Engineering Technician II
Daniel Groff, Utility Worker II
Aaron Pearce, Maintenance Aide (Streets)
Melinda Rehfeldt, Engineering Technician II
Rosemarie Fonseca, Office Specialist II (PW/Admin.)
Jayme Foster, Office Specialist II (Engineering)
Steve Bobbett, Associate Engineer

Promotions

Jesus Castaneda, Public Works Supervisor
Jay Jordan, Public Works Inspector I
Robert Farris, Senior Building Maintenance Worker
Terie Rowley, Senior Office Specialist
Joseph Adams, Public Works Supervisor (M&O)

Reclassifications

Kevin Davis, Senior Contract Administrator
Jennifer Gowen, Associate Contract Administrator
Rhonda Gasper-Heather, Associate Contract Administrator

Transfers

Kelly Brooks, Public Works Inspector I (Streets)
Kim Stankavich, Office Specialist II (CM&I)
Deborah Lea, Administrative Secretary (Fire)

Announcements

Mike Fairbanks and wife,
Jennifer, welcome
Alexandra Yvonne,
born 3/1,
weighing 7 lbs, 6 oz



Eva Plajzer and husband,
Bryan Moosman, welcome
Emma Catherine,
born 3/11,
weighing 6 lbs, 15 oz



JAWS!!!

On May 14, 2007, our own **Clyde Wickham** and his crew from the boat 'Gametime' caught a 352 lb shark. The shark was reeled in eight miles straight west of the Encina Power Plant and took 45 minutes to reel in.



Way to go Clyde.

L to R -
Spencer Davidson
(angler),
Mark Jacobsen,
Phillip Davidson,
& Clyde Wickham



Career Opportunities

With employee retirement and other changes, there will be career opportunities in the months ahead... so keep your eyes open for job postings.

For more information, please contact Human Resources at 602-2440 or visit the City's Job webpage at:
<http://www.carlsbadca.gov/hr/jobs2.html>



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